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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**And they're off...**

Thousands of people lined the streets of Oundle on Wednesday 7th May for the Grand Depart of The Women's Tour cycle race.

Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson officially started the race at 11am and the peloton of 96 riders took the streets making their way to Northampton for Stage 1 of the race. Pictures and report on page 9.

**Scheduled road works**

Midland Road between Thrapston and Denford will be closed due to road works from Monday 19th May to Friday 4th July.

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# Dog walk turns into a stressful stroll

**A runaway dog caused havoc at Stanwick Lakes as well as stress and a fine for its owner when it was walked off the lead at the park.**

The dog took off, having spotted a Muntjac deer, and as it had no lead on the owner couldn't control it. The owner spent an hour searching alone, a further hour and a half of looking with a park ranger before being issued with a £75 fine for breaching the 'dogs on leads' policy at the lakes.

Steven North, leader of East Northamptonshire Council which owns Stanwick Lakes, said: "Walking your dog is great fun as well as great exercise but this turned into a stressful and expensive stroll.

"We'd much rather see the rangers able to use their time more productively around the lakes and we'd rather dog walkers followed the rules on keeping dogs on leads."

Stanwick Lakes is managed by Rockingham Forest Trust which also manages Twywell Hills and Dales, where similar problems with dogs off leads have been experienced.

Luke Johns, Senior Ranger said: "We want everyone to be able to enjoy the parks but situations such as this can spoil a lovely time for people and animals.

Our 'dogs on leads' policy is important for protecting the nature reserve's wildlife. Birds

around lakes margins, in particular, are very vulnerable to disturbance, and loose dogs are the main culprits. They are also intimidating

to small children. Please keep your dog on a lead so everyone can have a stress-free time at the lakes."

## Oundle's Grand Depart

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# From the office of Andy Sawford MP

It was back in mid-February that I heard that the Nene Valley News was to continue to be published by a private company, after the East Northants Council had ceased their involvement. I'm delighted to be able to add my support to this venture, particularly since I've campaigned both in Parliament and locally to draw attention

## Brighter future for Islip village street lighting

Islip Parish Council has upgraded the village street lighting on all adopted roads to new and efficient LEDs.

The council's new LINA LED fittings will only use a quarter of the energy that was required to run the old lights and it should also be noted that any maintenance on the lights is not expected for at least the next five to ten years. The council will be saving money both ways as well as minimising light pollution and using less of the earth's precious energy resources.

The council has replaced all 52 of the old light fittings which are on adopted roads in the village, some of which were 30 years old. Previously, the village had a mixture of lights, which included high pressure sodium (70w SON), low pressure sodium (35w SOX) and high pressure mercury (80w MBFU). However, as the mercury replacement lamps will not be available after 2015 the council took the opportunity to review all of its street lights. Part of the village has recently been declared a conservation area, so the new lights had to meet the specification required by East Northants Council. The colour of the fitting was specified by them as black.

The Parish lighting design was done by Cllr Harris (a retired lighting engineer) utilising the light distribution plots which had been supplied by Candela. Constraints within the design meant that the council had to use the existing posts/columns.

## Charity dinner for polio eradication

The Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele has organised a 'Polio Eradication Dinner' which will be held on Monday 12th May, at the Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden.

The Club is extremely fortunate to have persuaded Gautam Lewis, who works as an ambassador for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, to be their guest speaker. Lewis has made the film Passport from Polio, with the Al Jazeera television network, which charts his return to Kolkata to promote the immunisation of babies against polio.

Lewis was himself a victim of Polio as a child but was rescued from poverty in Kolkata by Mother Teresa. He was then adopted at the age of seven by a young British volunteer, Dr Patricia Lewis, who brought him to live in the UK where he was educated at the best schools and, finally, at Southampton University.

Lewis made the very best of the opportunities given to him, obtaining a degree and going on to gain wide experience in business. Now he is using his many talents to serve and benefit others.

Tickets cost £18.50 each and proceeds will go to Rotary's Polio Plus Campaign.

to the importance of community publications such as this.

It's apparent from the first couple of editions that the new ownership is intent on keeping the 'feel' of the paper much as it always has been and are continuing to publish items of direct interest to the East Northamptonshire communities. I do appreciate that this is now a commercial enterprise and that it needs to achieve financial viability; hopefully that goal will be reached in the near future. I wish Peter Peel, Roger Sturman and their colleagues every success with Nene Valley News Ltd.



Roger Sturman and Andy Sawford

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# Award-winning apprentice calls on local employers to nominate their young people



Chloe was first winner of the Young Apprentice Award

**Northamptonshire's young apprentice of the year is encouraging employers to nominate their top apprentices for a Youth Ambition Award.**

Chloe Botterill was the first apprentice to win the accolade at the council's Youth Ambition Awards last year.

Chloe said: "For me winning this award was recognition of how far I had pushed myself to do well despite my personal circumstances and I felt a real sense of achievement when this award was given to me. It also put into perspective what I had achieved academically since finishing school.

"If you know a young person who has

achieved something particularly noticeable in the past year who you feel deserves recognition, then I would encourage you to put them forward for one of this year's awards – for me the fact that someone had taken the time to nominate me was fantastic, let alone winning it."

The young apprentice award category is open to young people aged between 16 and 22 years of age who have excelled in their apprentice role. Judges will be looking for details of how they have built up knowledge and skills and used these to progress, and how they have shone in the workplace.

Chloe added: "We see too much negativity around young people at the moment and those who are excelling in what they do all too often go unnoticed and don't receive the recognition that they deserve.

"Being nominated for this award opened

many doors for me, boosted my confidence in the workplace and led me into a full-time job with Home Instead Senior Care, who supported me throughout my apprenticeship."

The awards were created by Northamptonshire County Council to celebrate the county's young people and all the great things they are doing outside of school in their local community, home life and work life.

Other award categories are:

- The Arts Award
- Project or Campaign of the Year
- Young Role Model of the Year
- Taking Charge of Your Life

The Youth Ambition Awards are held jointly with Northamptonshire Newspapers' education awards. More information about the awards and how to nominate can be found at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/youthambition](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/youthambition).

## Rushden Household Waste Recycling Centre improvements

Work continues on improvements to the Northamptonshire County Council run Rushden Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) – which will make it easier to use and reduce traffic congestion at the site.

The centre is one of the best used of the county council's 10 recycling sites across the area with about a quarter of a million visits to the site in 2012/2013.

The refurbishment will see:

- the introduction of new recycling bays
- an additional traffic lane to accommodate more vehicles

- an express recycling lane so that small items can be dropped off quickly

The centre is closed until early summer 2014 while the work takes place and you can use alternative HWRC sites at:

**Kettering**, Garrard Way, Telford Way Industrial Estate, Kettering, NN16 8TD

**Wellingborough**, Paterson Road on Finedon Road Ind. Estate, Wellingborough, NN8 4BZ

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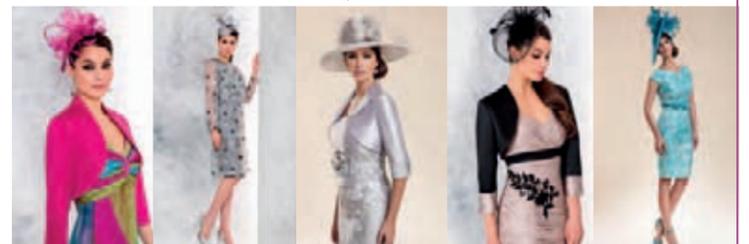
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14/00753/SCQ (24/05/2014) (Info)  
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### Higham Ferrers

14/00743/FUL (24/05/2014) (Info) Proposed rear extension over kitchen and part of garage and internal works at first floor at 18 Chamberlain Way Higham Ferrers Rushden NN10 8HH

### Islip

14/00791/LBC& 14/00790/FUL (31/05/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Proposed solar panels to rear roof slope at 30 High Street Islip NN14 3JS

### Oundle

14/00500/LBC (31/05/2014) (LBRegs) Two storey rear extension providing a kitchen and bedroom, internal remodelling to the existing bathroom, to provide access to the loft space and installation of a WC in existing cloakroom under the stairs. Extend existing opening between existing living room and proposed kitchen. Lower ceiling height to allow room height in new loft at 9 Stoke Hill Oundle PE8 4BH  
14/00699/FUL (31/05/2014) (LB/CA) (Info) Proposed erection of oak framed double garage incorporating a garden store at The Long House behind 43 West Street Oundle PE8 4EJ  
14/00712/VAR (31/05/2014) (LB/CA) Variation of condition 16 – change of approved drawings pursuant to planning permission 13/00205/FUL dated 18.4.13. Change of use from industrial space (B2) to restaurant (A3) and pub (A4) use with associated car park and footbridges at Barns at the Wharf Station Road Oundle  
14/00757/FUL (31/05/2014) (LB/CA) Front, side and rear extensions at 21 South Road Oundle PE8 4BU

### Raunds

14/00582/LBC (31/05/2014) (LBRegs) Remedial work necessary to rear portion of roof and to replace Collyweston tiles with blue reclaimed slate at Berrister House Berrister Place Raunds NN9 6JN  
14/00728/FUL (24/05/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing prefabricated single storey garage and erection of a two storey side

extension to the existing property, providing new ground floor garage area and additional first floor bedroom at 11 Westfield Drive Raunds NN9 6BZ  
14/00730/FUL (24/05/2014) (Info) First floor front extension at 3 Ellison Close Raunds NN9 6SN

### Ringstead

14/00713/FUL (24/05/2014) (Info) Replace the existing conservatory to the rear of the property at 5 Yeoman Close Ringstead NN14 4HJ

### Rushden

14/00739/FUL (31/05/2014) (LB/CA) Residential development comprising 9 No. apartments with amenity area, parking, cycle parking. Re-submission of planning application 10/01184/FUL approved at appeal. At land corner of Coffee Tavern Lane and corner of Rectory Road Rushden

### Thrapston

14/00088/FUL (24/05/2014) (Info) To convert single integral garage into a room by removing garage door and breeze blocks behind and constructing a wall with a window at 10 Damson Close Thrapston NN14 4RG

### Woodnewton

14/00775/FUL (24/05/2014) (Info) Demolish existing rear conservatory and build single storey rear extension at 6 Pridmore Close Woodnewton PE8 5EY

### Outside the District

14/00749/VAR (31/05/2014) (Art8) Variation of condition 3 to increase mezzanine floor space pursuant to application 06/01573/FUL: 'Development of B8 warehouse with ancillary offices, car parking, service yards, gatehouse, fuelling island and lorry wash' dated 29.09.2006 at land off Mitchell Road Corby

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Art8 – Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995.

Info – Non-statutory – included for information only.

LB/CA – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

LBRegs – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

David Reed

Head of Planning Services

Dated 10 May 2014

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications) for details.

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# Young artists asked to discover and draw wonderful wildlife

This May, children across Northamptonshire are invited to pick up their pencils and enter the National Trust's wildlife drawing competition. The creator of the winning picture, inspired by the wildlife at a National Trust location in the Midlands, will receive a half-day's drawing lesson from artist Shelly Perkins and have their picture printed onto

canvas for them to hang in their home.

Children aged 12 years and under can find out more at their local National Trust place, or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newadventures](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newadventures) for all the competition details, as well as handy downloadable wildlife spotters' sheets to help them identify the birds, beasts and blooms that they might find.

"It's often the life at a place,

whether that's the flowers in the garden, the people you meet or the wildlife you see, that stays with visitors of all ages," said Beccy Speight, Director of the National Trust in the Midlands. "We're lucky enough to care for some incredible open spaces in Northamptonshire, havens for precious wildlife, which is often at its most spectacular at this time of year."

With a second bank holiday and a half-term break, May is a great time to get outdoors and seek artistic inspiration. At Lyveden New Bield, swallows and house martins are nesting, red kites are catching the thermals, the woodland floor is covered with wildflowers, and tadpoles, caterpillars and insect larvae start to appear in and around the moat.

More details about the drawing competition and other family activities can be found at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newadventures](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newadventures).



What will be your inspiration? ©National Trust Images/Ian Shaw

# Oundle School's new head will take up post in 2015



The Governing Body of the Corporation of Oundle School has announced the appointment of Mrs Sarah Kerr-Dineen as the new Head of Oundle School. She will take up her position at the School in September 2015, following the retirement of Mr Charles Bush who has led the school for the past ten years.

Mrs Kerr-Dineen is currently the Warden of Forest School. She was educated at Steyning Grammar School, West Sussex before going on to gain an MA in English

at Trinity College, Cambridge and to pursue graduate study at Christ Church, Oxford. Her teaching career spans over twenty years, including thirteen at St Edward's, Oxford where she was also a Boarding Housemistress and ultimately Director of Studies. She moved to Forest School as its Warden in 2009, where she has taken the lead in many educational developments, including the realisation of a 'Centre of Innovation' in the heart of the school. Mrs Kerr-Dineen is married with four children aged between 18 and 26 and her interests include

reading, walking, the theatre and music.

Mr Julian Tregoning, Chairman of the Oundle School Governing Body, said: "We were delighted with the number of excellent candidates who applied for the position and believe that we have appointed an outstanding leader in Sarah Kerr-Dineen. Sarah has a proven track record of achievement as a Head as well as a depth of understanding and experience of boarding. She truly identifies with Oundle School's ethos and heritage and is especially well qualified to lead the School into the future."



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# Priest accepts new challenge in South Sudan

**A Rushden based vicar and his wife are planning to move to South Sudan later this year. Canon Derek Waller has been vicar of St Peter's church for the past ten years but now he and his wife Jane's ministry will take them back to a country where they both worked in the 1980s.**

Their decision followed an invitation from their long-standing friend Bishop Anthony Poggio to spend a holiday in the country with

their adult children, last year, visiting old friends.

"It was a joyful time, as we renewed friendships and worshipped with local Christians," said Derek. "As we became aware of the many needs there, we felt a renewed call from God to serve the people and the church. There's a tremendous openness, joy and faith there. We realised how much it would mean to them if we returned."

Derek and Jane will work in the Yei Diocese, close to the border with Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. A safe area for Westerners, the Diocese hopes to restart a college where Derek will be able to help train and support local clergy who have sometimes had little education.

Jane currently teaches ICT at Northampton College and is a local serving magistrate. In South Sudan she will teach ICT and train

others to teach it. The couple need to raise £25,000 a year to support their posts because although accepted as Church Mission Society (CMS) partners, the Anglican agency now expects all workers to be self-funding.

If you would like to know more about the Wallers' proposed ministry in Africa, or to offer financial support, you can contact them at: [derekwaller@btinternet.com](mailto:derekwaller@btinternet.com) or via the CMS link advisor: [Julie.hinkley@cms-uk.org](mailto:Julie.hinkley@cms-uk.org)

# Pupils get a taste of French life during Easter break

**During the Easter holidays, twelve Fourth Form (Year 10) pupils from Oundle School travelled to La Rochelle to spend a week practising their French with native speakers and to have a taste of French life in the local area.**

The programme included daily French lessons in a local school and visits to museums and the Aquarium, as well as a boat trip to Ile d'Aix and a guided tour of the city on a horse-drawn carriage. Time was spent in the covered market, trying cheeses and oysters, as well as Ernest's famous ice creams – which proved to be a definite favourite. Pupils also spent a day in the neighbouring town of Chatelaillon, learning about oysters, playing mini-golf and having a great time at the local aqua park.

The weather was warm

and sunny all week, making picnics in the botanical garden and on the beach all the more enjoyable.

French teacher, Leti Brighton commented: "Pupils stayed with host families, giving them ample opportunity to practice and extend their knowledge of the language and the culture, whilst morning lessons in small groups provided interactive yet rigorous revision. This is a study trip which is, year after year, a true success. It is a fun, interesting and efficient way to boost pupils' confidence and their knowledge of French."

Pupil, George Cobb (15) said: "It's hard to believe that you can learn so much, and experience so many new things in just one week. Yet, after being thrust into a new French life with a French family, experience was an understatement. La Rochelle,

a beautiful yet surprisingly calm town on the western coast of France, was the perfect destination for such a trip. After attending a few lessons, visiting museums and spending an afternoon cycling on the beautiful Ile d'Aix, I could just enjoy spending time with my friends in the serene town centre. There is no better way to improve your French than to spend time in the country, so the La Rochelle trip ended up being the perfect trip for me in both an educational sense and an entertaining sense."

Head of Modern Languages, Sara Davidson, said: "Language students need to be inspired and motivated by direct contact with the culture that they are studying. Language immersion trips are a fantastic way of bringing a language to life and giving pupils a chance to practice

in a less structured and free environment where language is acquired more through necessity and pupil interest. Internationalism is important

to Oundle; today's pupils will be competing for jobs in a highly competitive and global world. Our aim is not only to be at the cutting edge

of teaching and learning, but ultimately to enable Oundelians to learn and appreciate any language of their choosing."

## From the East Northamptonshire Council Chairman – Pam Whiting

**I find it hard to believe that this is my last Chairman's Report. By the time this is delivered to your door my term of office will be almost over. Over the past 12 months we have been to a variety of events and enjoyed meeting people from across the district.**

Just when we thought there would not be much different in the last few weeks in Office, along came Pauline, Mayor of Raunds, who held a barn dance and buffet. Quite a few of the 'Chain Gang' attended so it was real good fun to see us all skipping around and doing the do-si-do with chains swirling around our necks.

After one last chance to bring out the 'posh frock' at the Huntingdon Civic Dinner, it was Easter time. Palm Sunday saw us at Orton Waterville for the Mayor of Peterborough's Civic Service, where we paraded to the church in true tradition following a donkey.

I was fortunate enough to be invited back to King's Cliffe to see the completed Heritage Centre. I had been in December

to present a cheque for funding from East Northamptonshire Council when the hall was completely empty. The work that has been done, and the research behind it, is tremendous.

The Mayor of Rushden and the Mayor of Higham Ferrers hosted an Abba revival night, organised by the Swivel Club. This was excellent with over 400 people attending.

To celebrate St George's Day, I attended the flag raising ceremony in Huntingdon and later chaired my last Full Council meeting in the council chamber at East Northamptonshire Council.

Thank you to all who have supported my fundraising events. When we have a final figure it will be published. Also, thank you very much for all the lovely comments I have received through this feature, it is appreciated. There are still a few appointments to carry out in the next two weeks, so we shall be busy until 14 May when I hand over to Gill Mercer. I would like to wish Gill every success.



The students spent a week with host families

## Top 5 free heritage sites

**Learn more about where you live without spending a penny. Make a day of it and get on your bikes or take a picnic.**

- 1 Three man stocks at Apethorpe.** This includes an original whipping post and the only surviving example of a stocks bench in the county.
- 2 Dovecote at Higham Ferrers.** Behind the Green Dragon is the site of what was once Higham Castle. Built in the 12th century in the Motte-and-bailey style, it would have extended north towards Castle Field. The main source of food for castle inhabitants would have been pigeons and the dovecote in the garden is the last survivor of three known dovecotes. This one dates from the 16th century.
- 3 Fotheringhay Castle Site.** Check out the remains of the castle keep where Mary Queen of Scots had her head chopped off. The mound is well worth a climb to the top, where you have a splendid view of the

River Nene as it meanders through the meadows on its way to The Wash. You'll find a plaque telling you all about the last days of the famous queen.

- 4 Iron Age Roundhouse at Stanwick Lakes.** Discover the recreated Iron Age Roundhouse. Closer to the centre of the site archaeologists discovered the remains of around 50 Iron Age roundhouses (c 400BC – 43AD) and this settlement would have continued after the arrival of the Romans. Car parking charge applies but is free to members.
- 5 Harringworth Viaduct.** A piece of architectural inspiration, built by the Midland Railway 1877–9, this imposing viaduct spans the Welland Valley. Three quarters of a mile in length, it was completed to carry the London and Midland Railway between Kettering and Manton. The viaduct has 82 arches, each with a 40ft span and over 20 million bricks were used in its construction.

## The Rotary Club of Rushden

### Tools for Self Reliance

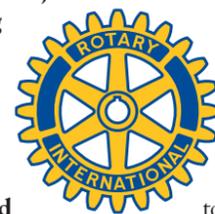
**For more than ten years The Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele has supported Tools for Self Reliance. The nationwide organisation is based in Clare Street, Northampton in an old building behind a large wooden gate near the traffic lights. Once inside the small yard you are surrounded by boxes, tools, bikes etc but enter the building and you are in a newly decorated kitchen where you will most likely be offered a cup of tea and a 'guided tour'.**

Further inside there are racks of tools and parts of tools all around and several benches with 'refurbishers' seated at them. They strip out the good parts of tools, grind the rust and wear from them, paint them and store them. Another bench will put the tools together, test them out and put them into 'sets' ready for boxing up into sizeable crates. Each crate contains the tools needed by a person in Africa to set up a small business such as shoe-making, woodworking, gardening/farming or car maintenance. Tools that are not useful in Africa (like garden forks) or tools too

uneconomic to send are sold at local sales or even at the Centre. Whilst there you could see a few good-looking bicycles with price tickets of £20–£30 on them.

The organisers are all volunteers and those who renovate the tools are disabled people from around the Northampton area, so the project provides recycling, employment for disabled people and a positive way to help enterprising men and women in the third world. Tools are given to Tools for Self Reliance by all kinds of people and organisations – people like the Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele.

Rotary has always regarded this kind of recycling organisation as well worth supporting and over the years many car-loads of bits and pieces have been sent to them. If anyone has any old garden tools, car maintenance equipment, shoe-making tools, or similar articles, broken or not please contact David Wilson of the Chichele Club on 01933 663572, or better still go to Clare Street, Northampton and discover for yourself the good work they accomplish.



# Rushden Hall Pensioners Parliament attend World War One exhibition

A group of Members from Rushden Hall Pensioners Parliament were cordially invited to a recent special viewing of the Rushden Museum 2014 Exhibition of World War One. The blue sky and sunny afternoon were a far cry from the conditions that military servicemen endured in the trenches during the difficult days of the War.

The Exhibition includes a mock-up of a WW1 trench along with real smells and artefacts typical of those found at

the time. Supporting the experience of the trench is a very carefully investigated and impressive display of photographs, features and a presentation of artefacts from war era. Many months of hard work have been put in by the small team from the museum to launch the display and to make provision for further work to update the exhibition. The President, Mr John Harley formally opened the exhibition on 3rd May.

The Rushden Museum is located next to the public car park at the rear of Rushden

Hall. The museum currently opens on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The Pensioner Parliament Members are mainly of an age where their fathers and grandfathers have passed down their experiences of WW1 by word of mouth. There are also those who received very little information as their forefathers found conditions during the many battles so horrific they would not reveal them.

The exhibition is intended to show the harshness of battle conditions and record what effect WW1 had upon Rushden and

how the town was organised in the 1914 era.

Members of families young and old cannot fail to be impressed by this small but significant display of local history. More than one visit is likely to be needed for anyone to sample the wide range of first class exhibits that reveal what the past held for local residents.

**Malcolm John Williams**  
Secretary  
Rushden Hall Pensioners Parliament  
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The staff of the museum along with a sample of the Rushden Hall Pensioners Parliament Members who attended the special display.

## Goodbye and good luck to Chloe

Many of you will know Chloe Simms who along with her Mum, Kathie Lissimore, was co-owner of Parkview Beauty Rushden until recently and lately worked from her home in Glamis Close Rushden. Chloe had a large clientele for her skills in a whole range of beauty treatments and would like to thank all of her clients, old and new for their support over the years.

Along with her partner Richard she has recently moved to the woolly wilds of Northumberland so that Richard can follow his career with RPC Containers. Chloe is also due to give birth to a daughter at any time and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Chloe's mum, Kathie, who is well known

both as a 'Rushden Lass' and for her new and friendly beauty business – Pippins Hair and Beauty at 1a Barnwell Drive Rushden – will be very pleased to accept all of Chloe's clients at her new home-based luxurious and professional hair and beauty salon. Kathie provides the full range of hair and beauty treatments as provided previously by Chloe and Park View Hair and Beauty.

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## Thousands turn out to enjoy Grand Depart

Sunshine bathed crowds of spectators lining the streets of Oundle to enjoy the spectacle of Wednesday's Grand Depart.

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Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson on stage



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# Nene Valley Time Trail

*Our regular feature by Janice Morris gives a flavour of the history in East Northamptonshire*

## HISTORY ALONG THE MID-NENE VALLEY

The Stanwick Lakes Trail follows the route of the old Northampton to Peterborough railway line, providing a walk through time. The Nene Valley has been a route for settlers for thousands of years. Away from the flood plain of the river are remains of Neolithic/early Bronze

Age barrows, an Iron Age hill fort and a Saxon manor and watermills. There was a Roman villa at Stanwick and medieval hamlets and manors in the Raunds area. For ten years from 1979 these sites were excavated by archaeologists and details about their finds can be found on the upper

floor at Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre. The rich pastures were used to raise cattle. In addition to agriculture, tanning and shoemaking became major occupations. In the mid-18th century the river was made navigable, allowing produce and goods to be transported in bulk. In 1826 Thrapston's manual fire engine was brought from Northampton by horse-drawn barge. River transport was largely replaced by rail when the



Janice Morris

railway track was built in 1845. The line finally closed in 1964. A few station buildings remain, but those at Thrapston, Irthlingborough (Higham Ferrers) and Ringstead have gone. If you look carefully you can find the stepping stones from Ringstead Station to Great Addington alongside the Nene Way footpath. These blocks were sleepers from the London and Birmingham Railway and helped villagers get to the station during wintertime. The remains of Irthlingborough Station can be seen just before the gates at the end of the trail.

The Nene features in H E Bates' essay collection, Down the River, and many of his early novels and short stories tell of the lives of local shoemakers. In winter when the frosts froze the flooded meadows, people came to skate. Sometimes there were tragedies, as described in his novel Love for Lydia.

A study of an Ordnance Survey map reveals how much of the valley is now covered by lakes – the result of gravel extraction. These expanses of water attract numerous migrating birds. They also provide leisure facilities for boating, sailing, canoeing and fishing. In

the 1960s water skiing championships were held at Skew Bridge Ski Club near to Rushden and the club also had a dry ski slope, used by many to prepare for skiing holidays.

Today Stanwick Lakes with its adventure playgrounds,

lakes, paths and visitor centre is a popular venue for outdoor and indoor activities.

If you would like to submit an article for our Time Trail feature please email [news@nenevalleynews.co.uk](mailto:news@nenevalleynews.co.uk)

## Whitefriars Church Rushden wins Heritage Lottery support

Whitefriars Church in Rushden has been awarded a grant of £32,200 by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to run a three-year project enabling young people to research key figures from the town's history over the last 150 years. The project will start in July 2014, with young people starting their interviews and investigations in September.

Whitefriars Church will work in partnership with the History Department at Rushden Community College and with the Rushden and District History Society. The project will link in with Whitefriars's highly regarded community youth work project Access All Areas which seeks to give young people opportunities to grow in self-esteem and self-confidence, and have access to all areas of life.

Vicar of Whitefriars, the Revd Philip Evans, said: "We are delighted to have been granted this prestigious award. We want to give young people in Rushden the chance to discover more about their remarkable heritage, develop pride in their town and its history, and therefore grow in confidence that they too can achieve great things."

Explaining the importance of the HLF support, Head of the Heritage Lottery East Midlands, Vanessa Harbar, welcomed the project: "HLF is delighted to play our part in enabling this project; it offers a great opportunity for the young people involved to learn new skills and develop confidence and understanding of their local heritage. We look forward to their findings."

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 Andrew Presland 01933 316927  
 A three-mile walk in the countryside organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden. All are welcome.

**Morning Service**  
 The Salvation Army, Church St, Rushden.  
 10am  
 Admission free  
 Gill Valentine 01933 353528  
 Morning Service led by Major Richard Crowe.

**Monday 12th May**  
**Monthly Meeting: Victoria Hall**  
 Doors Open 2.15pm;  
 Speaker 3-4pm  
 Members £1/non-members £2  
 01832 274778  
 Margaret Gilman:  
 Monument Valley and the Navajo Indian.

**Monday 12th – Saturday 17th May**  
**Rushden Learning Centre Open Week**  
 Rushden Learning Centre,

Rectory Road, Rushden  
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[rushden@brightlearningsolutions.com](mailto:rushden@brightlearningsolutions.com)  
 Open Week for those who are interested in computer training.

**Tuesday 13th May**  
**Charity Tea Dance**  
 Pemberton Centre Rushden.  
 2pm-4.15pm  
 £3  
 Ballroom and Sequence dancing. Tea/coffee and cake included. Proceeds to charity.

**Film Night**  
 Laxton Village Hall.  
 2.30pm-4pm  
 £5  
 Noel on 01780 450905 or [enquiries@stuartlighting.com](mailto:enquiries@stuartlighting.com)  
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**Wednesday 14th May**  
**Social tennis open night**  
 Higham Ferrers Recreation Ground, Wharf Road.  
 6.30pm-8.30pm  
 No charge  
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**Discovery Walks**  
 Meet in Apethorpe Village.  
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[www.weanorthamptonshire.org](http://www.weanorthamptonshire.org)  
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**Thursday 15th May**  
**Thrapston District Historical Society**  
 Thrapston's Fires and Fire Brigade, St James' Church Hall, Thrapston.  
 7.30pm  
 Visitors £2.50  
 Neil Busby 01832 731047  
 A illustrated talk by Phil Morris. All welcome.

**Saturday 17th May**  
**Oundle Horticultural Society Plant Sale**  
 Oundle Primary School, Milton Road, Oundle.  
 10.30am  
 £1 includes tea/coffee  
 01832 272623  
 Plant sale and coffee morning, vegetables, bedding, perennials etc.

**Bring and Buy Plant Sale**  
 Warmington Village Hall.  
 9am-12noon.  
 Free entry.  
 Mike 01832 280585.  
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**St Peter's Church Ladies Friendship Group Coffee Morning**  
 Church Hall, Midland Road Rushden.  
 10am-11.30am  
 Coffee and biscuits 50p, cakes, bric-a-brac, books, gifts, tombola, raffle.

**Nassington School May Fayre**  
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 12noon  
 Free  
[bursar@nassington.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@nassington.northants-ecl.gov.uk)  
 All welcome for crowning of May Queen, maypole dancing, fun, games and stalls galore!

**Messy Church**  
 The Salvation Army, Church St, Rushden.  
 4pm-5.30pm.  
 Free.  
 Gill Valentine 01933 353528.  
 An hour and a half of fun, craft, worship and meal for parents and children.

**Home-Start East Northants Sponsored Walk**  
 Visitor Centre, Stanwick Lakes, NN9 6GY.  
 10am-10.30am start  
[homestartenadmin@btconnect.com](mailto:homestartenadmin@btconnect.com)  
 01933 461122  
 Sponsored walk to raise funds for local family support charity.

**Amusing Anecdotes by a Vicar's Wife**  
 Ringstead Village Hall.  
 7pm  
 £5 including refreshments.  
 Rosemarie Coles 01933 624262  
 Margaret Bergen presents 'It could only happen at a wedding'. Proceeds towards new church facilities.

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**Flower Festival**  
 All Saints Church, Elton.  
 10.30am  
 Donations in aid of All Saints Church.  
 Chris Milton (Church Warden) 01832 280415  
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**An Evening of Songs and Sketches**  
 Stanwick Church. 7.30pm  
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**Sunday 18th May**  
**Let's Go Green & Rural Craft Fair**  
 Barnwell Country Park.  
 10am-4pm  
 £2.60 parking  
 Philippa Croucher 01832 273435  
 A fun day for all the family to get involved with composting, recycling and other activities.

**Afternoon Teas**  
 Yarwell Village Hall.  
 3pm-5pm  
 Home baked fare – indoor/outdoor seating.  
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**Pudding Challenge**  
 Laxton Village Hall.  
 2.30pm-4pm  
 £4  
 Fiona Harding [fangsharding@btinternet.com](mailto:fangsharding@btinternet.com) or 01780 450235.  
 Pudding challenge. Submit bakes for a chance at the trophy or just come along to taste and vote.

**Morning Worship**  
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden.  
 10.15am  
 Admission free  
 Philip Evans (01933 316834)  
 An informal church service to which everyone is welcome.

**Together in Prayer (United Churches' prayer meeting for Rushden & Higham)**  
 Highfield Community Baptist Church, Highfield Road, Rushden NN10 9QD.  
 7pm for 7.30pm.  
 Admission free.  
 Philip Evans 01933 316834  
 Praying this month for the police, fire and ambulance services. All welcome.

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**Thrapston District Historical Society**  
 Family History – mapping your family's origins.  
 St James' Church Hall, Thrapston.  
 7.30pm



Visitors £2.50  
 Neil Busby 01832 731047  
 An illustrated talk.

**Meeting of Higham Ferrers WI**  
 The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers.  
 2.15pm  
 Olga Earl 01933 412848  
 Enjoy a talk from the VCO with tea and cakes. New members are very welcome.

**Tuesday 20th May**  
**Hermitage Singers in Concert**  
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**Thursday 22nd May**  
**Rushden Mission Band Anniversary Concert**  
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**Car Boot Sale**  
 The Meadow, Bridge Street Brigstock.  
 8am-12noon  
 £5 per car, £8 per van/trade  
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**Sunday 25th May**  
**Morning Worship with Holy Communion**  
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden.  
 10.15am  
 Admission free  
 Philip Evans 01933 316834  
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**Sunday 25th May & Monday 26th May**  
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Barton Seagrave 6.45 - 7.45pm starts 27th May

**Wednesday**  
Personal Training 10.30 - 11.30am  
Oundle 5.45 - 6.45pm starts 14th May  
Raunds 7.30 - 8.30pm starts 16th July

**Thursday**  
Oundle 9.30 - 10.30am starts 15th May  
Titchmarsh 11.00am - 12noon starts 5th June  
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Rushden 7.30 - 8.30pm starts 17th July

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Single applicants are invited to apply in writing, including details of previous employment, together with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees, including the most recent employer (if appropriate) and should be sent to Graham Sands, Clerk to the Trustees, Parson Latham's Alms-houses, 24 North Street, Oundle, Peterborough. PE8 4AL  
Closing date for applications: Friday 23rd May.

**DOMESTIC ASSISTANTS**  
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T: 01832 277196 | E: [recruitment@oundleschool.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@oundleschool.org.uk)  
The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.



**Proposed Order**  
**The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005**  
**The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.)**  
**Regulations 2006**  
**The Dogs on Leads (East Northamptonshire District Council) Order 2014**  
1. This order comes into force on 14 June 2014  
2. This order applies to the land specified in the Schedule below  
**Offence**  
3. (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time on any land to which this order applies he does not keep the dog on a lead, unless:  
(a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or  
(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so  
(2) For the purpose of this article a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.  
**Penalty**  
4. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale  
**David Oliver - Chief Executive, East Northamptonshire Council 6 May 2014**  
**Schedule**  
This order applies to all land which is within the administrative area of East Northamptonshire District Council and which is the Hall Park, Rushden excepting the area backing onto Wymington Road which is designated the exercising of dogs.  
The order can be viewed at East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ.  
Any representation must be made in writing to East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ or by email to: [waste@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:waste@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk)  
Representations must be received by 5pm on 7 June 2014.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LOWICK LANE, ALDWINCLE)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Lowick Lane, Aldwinckle as set out below.  
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Lowick Lane, Aldwinckle from Main Street to Bulwick Lane footpath.  
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required during the removal of vegetation from power lines.  
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 29th May 2014 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.  
EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.  
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Main Street and Lowick Road.  
Dated this 10th day of May 2014  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law  
PKG/T14/086  
If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-364359.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, DENFORD)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of High Street, Denford as set out below.  
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Denford from Church Lane and Childs Street.  
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for installation of gas supply.  
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 19th May 2014 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.  
EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to four days.  
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Midland Road, Bridge Street, Kettering Road, Woodford Road, Thrapston Road, High Street, Addington Road, Woodford Road, Main Street, Ringstead Road, Addington Road, Church Street, Denford Road and Ringstead Road.  
Dated this 10th day of May 2014  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law  
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MIDLAND ROAD, THRAPSTON)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Midland Road, Thrapston as set out below.  
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Midland Road, Thrapston from Hawthorn Road to A14 Bridge.  
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for demolition of bridge abutment and construction of retaining wall structure.  
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th May 2014 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.  
EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 4th July 2014.  
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Bridge Street, Kettering Road, Woodford Road, Thrapston Road, High Street, Addington Road, Woodford Road, Main Street, Ringstead Road, Addington Road, Church Street, Denford Road, Ringstead Road and High Street.  
Dated this 10th day of May 2014  
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# Have a ball at Oundle's Great British Tennis Weekend

As part of the Great British Tennis Weekend, Oundle Tennis Club is preparing a day of fun and games – all on court.

On Sunday 18th May 2014 from 1pm–5pm, coaches and tennis club members will welcome all to find out about the great sport of tennis. Activities include relay races, agility games, battle the ball cannon, speed zone serving, Cardio Tennis, single and doubles play or just a friendly lesson on court. The event aims to promote exercise, meeting new friends and fun outdoors. Suitable for kids, adults & families; refreshments will be served.

Even the pooch is involved! Ever wonder where all those worn out tennis balls go? Oundle Tennis Club donates them to a Police Dog training facility here in Northamptonshire. The Senior Dog trainer will join the



event on 18th May with several police dogs. See how tennis balls are great fun for everyone – and join the fun.

“The Great British Tennis Weekend is a national programme to get new and experienced players active in our game,” said Ralph Clarke, the Director of Coaching at R2R Tennis, the coaching team in Oundle. “Tennis is a game you can play your whole life; it’s a great way to stay active, be outdoors and all you need is a racquet. We’ll have plenty of those to loan out on 18th May in Oundle for folks looking to give tennis a go.”

For a great day out on the courts, join the Great British Tennis Weekend at Oundle Tennis Club on Sunday 18th May from 1–5pm.

This event is free and open for the public to enjoy at the club located at Occupation Road in Oundle, PE8 4RU. Find out more at [oundletennisclub.co.uk](http://oundletennisclub.co.uk)

## Rushden Town Bowling Club secures £50,000 from Olympic Legacy fund

A Bowls Club in Rushden has secured Olympic Legacy funding from Sport England's Inspired Facility fund.

Sport England has revealed that more than 1,300 local sports projects across the country have now received National Lottery funding through Inspired Facilities, part of its Olympic and Paralympics Legacy programme.

Rushden Town Bowling Club has received £50,000 of National Lottery funding to upgrade the facilities of the club. Rushden Town Bowls Club has been established for over 100

years with the club increasing the opportunity to bowl at Northampton Road since 1988. This facility has helped young and not so young people into sport. The improvements will include the toilets, changing rooms and reception office.

To celebrate the award the club will be holding an open day to allow members of the public to have a look and try their hand at the game.

Sport England's Chair, Nick Bitel, said: “Over a year on from the Olympics, this National Lottery investment is helping us deliver a

lasting sporting legacy in Rushden.

“With investment now on offer from our Inspired Facilities Fund until 2017, we look forward to supporting many more sports clubs in Northamptonshire who play such a vital role in grassroots sport.”

Club Secretary, David Eggleton, said: “We are delighted to have secured this investment, which means we can upgrade the quality of our premises for everyone. It is the cornerstone of our strategy to have an outstanding club for the 2012 Olympics Legacy.”

## ChromaSport and Trophies United Counties League tables

Premier Division (36)	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Spalding United	36	32	1	3	122	22	100	97
Huntingdon Town	36	26	7	3	105	39	66	85
AFC Rushden & Diamonds	36	26	3	7	88	35	53	81
Deeping Rangers	36	23	6	7	113	45	68	75
Cogenhoe United	36	23	6	7	77	35	42	75
Yaxley	36	21	5	10	72	41	31	68
Wisbech Town	36	17	5	14	77	61	16	56
Wellingborough Town	36	15	7	14	63	54	9	52
Peterborough Northern Star	36	12	11	13	53	58	-5	47
Desborough Town	36	13	7	16	53	72	-19	46
Holbeach United	36	13	5	18	65	70	-5	44
AFC Kempston Rovers	36	11	11	14	67	86	-19	44
Sleaford Town	36	10	6	20	53	75	-22	36
Boston Town	36	8	10	18	42	68	-26	34
Northampton Sileby Rangers	36	7	7	22	42	98	-56	28
Newport Pagnell Town	36	7	6	23	41	85	-44	27
Harborough Town	36	7	5	24	29	81	-52	26
Long Buckby AFC ***	36	7	9	20	46	89	-43	24
Stewarts & Lloyds Corby	36	3	5	28	27	121	-94	14

\*\*\* Long Buckby AFC 6 Points deducted

Division One (42)	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Oadby Town	42	34	7	1	159	37	122	109
Eynesbury Rovers	42	31	5	6	118	41	77	98
Harrowby United	42	28	8	6	115	53	62	92
Northampton Spencer	42	23	10	9	82	42	40	79
Lutterworth Athletic **	42	25	3	14	90	65	25	75
Northampton ON Chenecks	42	21	10	11	90	64	26	73
Olney Town **	42	20	7	15	86	68	18	64
Burton Park Wanderers	42	18	10	14	78	61	17	64
St Neots Town Saints	42	17	10	15	81	66	15	61
Potton United	42	18	7	17	82	78	4	61
Buckingham Town	42	18	7	17	59	76	-17	61
Raunds Town	42	15	13	14	60	59	1	58
Thrapston Town	42	16	9	17	81	84	-3	57
Rushden & Higham United	42	13	12	17	65	60	5	51
Rothwell Corinthians	42	12	9	21	68	88	-20	45
Peterborough Sports	42	11	11	20	82	82	0	44
Wellingborough Whitworth	42	12	8	22	78	89	-11	44
Bugbrooke St Michaels	42	13	3	26	75	102	-27	42
Irchester United	42	11	9	22	49	87	-38	42
Blackstones FC	42	12	5	25	66	102	-36	41
Bourne Town	42	8	7	27	66	126	-60	31
Woodford United	42	1	0	41	23	223	-200	3

\*\* Lutterworth Athletic and Olney Town 3 points deducted



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